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1. HEADLINES IN MOST OF SUNDAY'S PAPERS DEAL WITH PROPOSED KISSINGER/BITSIOS/ESENBEL FEBRUARY 10 MEETING AND EMPHASIZE BITSIOS' FEBRUARY 1 REACTION STATEMENT THAT GREECE IS STUDYING PROPOSAL AS WELL AS CRITICISM BY ATHENS "AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES" FOR WASHINGTON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEFORE IT HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED. OTHER FRONT-PAGE ITEMS INCLUDE ANDERSON'S REMARK THAT SECRETARY WAS UNABLE CERTIFY PROGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM, REPORTED NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING ON "INTERNATIONAL OFFENSIVE" FOR WORLD SUPPORT, FONMIN CHRISTOFIDES REBUTTAL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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2. STORIES DEALING WITH MILITARY AID ISSUE SOUND TRIUMPHANT AND VINDICTIVE NOTE IN THEIR HEADLINES, ACCUSING SECRETARY KISSINGER OF "LYING TO CONGRESS" OF "SHAMELESS EFFORTS FOR TURKEY", OF "DESPERATE MOVES" TO PREVENT AID CUTOFF. ALL REPORT SENATOR EAGLETON'S STATEMENT THAT SECRETARY HAS FAILED TO CONVINCE CONGRESS TO CONTINUE ARMS SUPPLY.

3. CLERIDES-SUPPORTING AGHON, AFTEU MASSIVE PRESS AND TV AD CAMPAIGN, HAS BEGUN SERIALIZATION OF AGEE BOOK ON CIA. ANNOUNCES IT WILL SOON BEGIN PUBLISHING "AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT" OF EVENTS LEADING TO TURKISH INVASION.

4. EDITORIALS: PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS RIDICULES KISSINGER'S FEARS IN ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE CONGRESS OF TURKEY'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE AND NOTES THAT IF, AS KISSINGER CLAIMS, TURKEY IS PROTECTING U.S. INTERESTS THEN IT FOLLOWS THAT TROOPS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS ARE KISSINGER'S TROOPS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI CLAIMS THAT SECRETARY'S INJUNCTION TO "LOOK AT THE MAP" MEANS HE IS RESERVING AN "IMPORTANT ROLE FOR TURKEY WHEN TIME COMES FOR ATTACK ON ARAB OIL-PRODUCERS." RADICAL LEFT TA NEA NOTES THAT ONLY TURKEY EXISTS ON KISSINGER'S MAP, THAT HE IS DETERMINED TO WIPE OUT CYPRUS. WEEKLY ASYMATOS CALLS FOR RESIGNATION OF "THIS BEAST WITH A HUMAN FACE." RIGHTIST ETHNIKI CARRIES SELF-SERVING FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL BLAMING MAKARIOS FOR LONG HISTORY OF TOLERATING COMMUNISM IN CYPRUS AND FOR NOW ATTEMPTING RESTORE HIS PRE-COUP PERSONAL REGIME OF LEFTISTS. CONCLUDES THAT BECAUSE OF THIS AND MAKARIOS' ANTI-WESTERN LEANINGS, AMERICAN POLICY OVER PAST TEN YEARS HAS BECOME ANTI-CYPRIOT.
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